

LATEST
EUROPEAN
NEWS.

[The following intelligence appeared in our Supplement of Saturday, but at too late an hour to be despatched to our country subscribers.]

We take the following from the *Argus*—The clipper Lightning, of which so much has been said, and commanded by our friend Captain Forbes, of the Marco Polo, anchored in Hobson's Bay yesterday, soon after four o'clock p.m., bringing news from England to the 15th May. We are indebted to the purser of the ship, Mr. Dennits, for a very complete file of English papers of dates subsequent to the despatch of the Overland Mail.

There is not much intelligence of importance. The *Northern Daily Times* of the 13th instant gives as a rumour a report of the capture of Cronstadt by Sir Charles Napier, with the loss of 3000 men. The *Time* of the same date is silent on the subject, and the *Weekly Dispatch* of the 14th directly contradicts it. It is probable, therefore, that the report is without foundation.

In consequence of a misunderstanding with the Turkish Government, Baragary d'Hilliers had been recalled. He is to fill an important command in the camp of St. Omar. General Gaumas is spoken of as his successor.

The House of Commons had been again occupied with the case of Mr. Stonor. The Committee of Enquiry on his case had met twice but had not reported.

The most interesting item of local intelligence consists of the arrival of Mr. Chapman, to occupy the post of a judge amongst us; and such an appointment as need scarcely say will be met by general acclamation. The character of that gentleman is well known to the public. His self-sacrificing conduct upon the transportation question at a very critical period of its history, will be gratefully recollected by every one who helped to fight through that protracted and irritating campaign. The course adopted by him upon that occasion, coupled with the recommendations of a spotless reputation, and of acknowledged talents of a very high order, pointed to Mr. Chapman long ago as eminently adapted for public office amongst us; and we hoped, as indeed we have expressed at the time, that we should have seen him called to take upon himself the more active duties of official life, consequent upon his appointment to the Colonial Secretaryship. He is calculated, however, to lend no lustre to the more peaceful triumphs of the judicial bench, and even in that capacity we are very glad to find Mr. Chapman duly installed amongst us.

Another notable arrival by the Lightning is that of Mr. Davett, the gentleman selected by the Commissioners of Education at the request of our local board, to take charge of the Normal School to be founded here in connection with the National system. Of the high qualifications for this important office possessed by this gentleman we have before spoken, and in the present interesting condition of the educational question, we look with great interest upon the arrival of one amongst us who is likely to take so active a part in the future formation of the national mind.

We proceed to present our readers with the most interesting items of intelligence that we find in the papers we have received.

RECAPTURE OF CRONSTADT.—The following account is the *Standard* of yesterday: "A report is in circulation, said to have been received by telegraph, that Admiral Napier had captured Cronstadt, with a loss of 3000 men. We mention the rumour because it is so generally believed, and in the vicinity, but we have been unable to trace it to any reliable authority."—*Northern Daily Times*, 13th May.

Some of the feeble journals, whose existence is deemed, for doing no harm, to be a public nuisance, have taken up the rumour that Admiral Napier, but not before 3000 had been sacrificed. The subject was alluded to in the House of Commons. Of course there is no truth in the statement.—*Weekly Dispatch*, 14th May.

THE BALTIC FLEET.—(From the Times, 14th May.)

(BY TELEGRAPH AND EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH.)—Berlin, Friday.

On the 10th the French fleet was off Kosow in the Great Belt.

The English, on the 7th, off the Götter Sandes, north of Gothland.

LONDON.—May 12, 1854.

The detention of the clipper ship Lightning, to convey many of the disappointed passengers of the Great Britain steamer, enables me to add a few paragraphs to mine of the 9th, by the overland route, and no doubt every packet will now be looked for with deep interest by you and the "Great Britain."

In Parliament matters the sole topic of fresh interest has been the financing of the Government, which, having already taken a vote of four millions by way of a warlike beginning, came down to the House, and asked to make the sum ten millions. The mode by which the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed to raise the six millions and odd required for the extraordinary outlay of the year now passing—the price we are to pay for doing duty—has been the subject of the double income-tax to be continued during the war; an extra duty of 1s. in the pound in Scotland, and 9d. in Ireland, on spirits; the duty on sugars to be increased from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d.; and by increasing the duty on malt from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. These means are calculated to give the required amount, viz., £6,500,000, and which, with the four millions already voted, make the total additional taxation over ten millions.

There was a good deal of opposition shown in the debate of the 9th to the immediate imposition of the malt and sugar duties; but ministers pointed out the impolicy of delay on many grounds, and eventually, on bringing the question to a division, they carried the bill by 224 to 142. The ten millions will therefore be raised in the manner contemplated; but since a large portion of this sum cannot find its way into the national treasury for many months to come, and as the war of the service press heavily, it is proposed to raise one or two millions by means of Exchequer bills or bonds.

It is to be hoped, for the tranquillity of the money market, that the future batch of Exchequer bills will be met with a more pleasant reception than have one or two previous parcels. In the mean time, Mr. Disraeli's bill on the present Chancellor has been singularly unfortunate. Some of the bills were blown upon by the public; at another time a large portion of them were issued (or rather the letters of appropriation were issued) to the class of schemes known as "penny banks," who were for some days hawking letters for £200 worth of bills for a dozen shillings.

We have now more detailed accounts of the Odessa affair, but not in any way changing the previous relation of that event, though the Russian papers give a very different version of it, and make it appear as though our ships had been glad to leave their harbour.

We have a rumour, which may prove to be correct, of the bombardment of Constantinople having commenced. A portion of our fleet, it seems, has gone in the direction of the Sea of Azov, where it appeared a Russian squadron was cruising. If so, we shall shortly hear of something interesting from that quarter.

On the Danube, Omar Pasha continues to hold his ground, and will yet do, if the allies do not hang back too long. Report shows them to be most anxious to meet the enemy on the whole in first-rate order. Nearly all the commanders of both nations had reached Constantinople at the date of our latest telegraphic despatches. The weather was, however, still inclement, and unfavourable for military operations.

The open countenance given to the Greek rebellion in the Turkish provinces has led to serious steps on the part of the Allied Powers, whose ships are blockading all Greek ports. Austria is preparing to march an army into Montenegro, to quell the Greek rising there; and it is expected that France, England, and Turkey will declare war with Greece, in which case the present dynasty must fall.

Russia threatens Austria with an ultimatum whilst Austria talks of a similar move to the court of St. Petersburg, that on the whole the plot may be said to thicken.

The Bank rather unexpectedly raised its rate of discount a day or two since, from five to five and a half per cent. The measure may be prudent enough, but it reads very strangely by the side of the announcement that the Bank of France has reduced its rate of discount from four to four per cent.

The May wool sales opened on the afternoon of the 11th, with a strong show of buyers, who seemed rather anxious to secure the finer qualities of the season, in neglect of the middling and inferior sorts. The result of the two first days' sales has been that whilst the former qualities have gone off at about former quotations, the latter have declined from a half-penny to three halfpence per pound.

Yesterday the committee appointed to enquire into the appointment of Mr. Stonor to a judgeship in your colony examined the Duke of Newcastle at some length. Mr. Stonor's appointment was not, however, very closely as to whether it is usual or advisable to appoint a mere conveyancer to a seat on any bench, and his Grace was forced to admit that the practice was not generally prevalent. He, however, disclaimed all knowledge of the matter, and stated that he had since cancelled the appointment of that gentleman.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.—(From the Weekly Telegraph.)

EVACUATION OF THE 11TH HUSSARS.—First Division. The departure of the first division of this line regiment from Dublin, on Monday morning, excited considerable interest; the men, who have been quartered for a long time in this country, being deservedly popular, and the scene of the embarkation of cavalry for active service being of no little novelty. Notwithstanding the eagerness of the hour selected for the purpose, large crowds of persons were assembled in the vicinity of Portobello Barracks to witness the departure; and among the troops issued from the barracks, and along the route, were many who were enthusiastically cheered, both by the crowds outside and by their comrades within the walls. They then proceeded, headed by the band of their own regiment, and followed by the 11th Hussars, along the banks of the Grand Canal, Dromybrook-road, Wellington-road, &c., towards Kinsington, where they arrived on the 6th, at 10 o'clock, transport ship, awaiting them along the quay. The morning was beautiful, and the scene at the embarkation was an animated and picturesque one, and a good deal of trouble being had with the horses, which it was necessary to get on board, and to the size of the hatches, and to the fact that the horses were not accustomed to the sea, the embarkation was a very tedious one; but the whole of the regiment, consisting of 40 men and 50 horses, were safely got on board in less than four hours. The officers and men were all in high spirits, and the embarkation was a very successful one. The 11th Hussars are now at Kinsington, and are expected to be sent to the front in a few days.

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proclamation has therefore been issued, and Sweden, together with all the harbours along the southern shores, is declared to be infected. Many inconveniences will result from this proclamation. Not only will the commercial transactions of England and Sweden be interrupted, but many difficulties will be thrown in the way of the successful operations of the fleet, which is now endeavouring to regain the independence of this very King Oscar.

The Western Powers manifest every desire to pursue hostilities in the Baltic with as little harshness as possible to individual and neutral interests. They have agreed to permit the trade between the Norwegian coast and the Baltic, and to the Russian coast, to be carried on as if no war were being waged. By this generous act much personal misery has been spared to the people who dwell on the shores of the White Sea, and Norway will not be prevented from supplying those distant districts with corn in the same manner as she has hitherto supplied them.

The Government of Denmark shows also every inclination to raise difficulties when and where it can, in opposition to the welfare of the English fleet, and the comfort of the officers. The Danish cabinet asserts, for example, that the Government has a right to exclusive possession of postal communication in the Baltic, and that the right is held by virtue of a convention with the other powers. Making this convention the basis of its claim, the Danish ministry requires that all letters, carried by the fleet, should be sent to Copenhagen, and that the transmission of letters from the English fleet, if they should be sent direct to Lubeck in an English vessel. The senate of Lubeck has been considering the point, and it is probable that the Danish ministry is of greater importance to the English people.

On the 5th instant, the Leopard returned to Elsinore, and Admiral Plummer reported at once with 7 gunboats, and a division of the Russian fleet was coming out of Helsingfors. As soon as this information had been received by Sir Charles Napier, he made the signal to the fleet—"Make ready for sea." The fleet, consisting of the 11th Hussars, the 12th Battalion, and the 13th Battalion, were all ready for sea, and the fleet was ordered to proceed to the front in a few days.

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MORT AND CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on **WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst.**, the following **FREEHOLD ALLOTMENTS in the TOWN OF NORTH SYDNEY.**

Lot 1, bounded on the **W. side** of the intended new and extensive **TOWNSHIP OF NORTH SYDNEY** possesses advantage of a very high character. In point of situation, it is admirably located for the purpose of building up a large and important township of **ST. LEONARD'S**, and the District of Lane Cove, and is very fertile, and well adapted for the soil, and its situation is peculiarly natural and agricultural pursuits.

The main road from **Sydney** to **Lane Cove** passes through the lot, and the **W. side** of the lot is bounded by the **W. side** of the **Ferry at Elms Point**, from whence there is a direct and constant communication with the metropolis, and the township ranks with the richest portion of the district.

Lot 2, bounded on the **W. side** of the **TOWNSHIP OF ORANGE AND FRUIT ORCHARDS, VINEYARDS, AND VEGETABLE GARDENS**, is especially calculated. In proof of which it may be mentioned that the lot is situated in the **W. side** of the **TOWNSHIP OF ORANGE** in the **Lane Cove** district, amongst which may be mentioned those of Messrs. Archbold, Ellis, and MacKinnon.

Lot 3, bounded on the **W. side** of the **TOWNSHIP OF ORANGE** will be found most ample and convenient, comprising in all **312 HUNDRED ACRES**.

A portion selected as the site of the township consists of **16 Blocks of Land**, divided by wide and capacious streets, intersecting each other at right angles.

The subdivisions of these blocks have been carefully allotted with every regard to a due facility for building.

Lot 4, bounded on the **W. side** of the **TOWNSHIP OF ORANGE** has been directed to preserve the most efficient and easy means of drainage.

The town's elements are of convenient sites for **VILLA RESIDENCES**, and so disposed as to allow of gardens both in front and rear.

There is an extensive **WATER RESERVE** for the supply of the town. The streams and springs in the vicinity have never been known to fail, and the water is of the purest quality.

There are not less than **FIVE SPECIAL RESERVES**, as sites for the **WATERWORKS** and **ANALYTICAL LABORATORY**, and the **WATERWORKS** and **ANALYTICAL LABORATORY** are to be conveyed gratuitously to Trustees for religious purposes, who ever an approval claim shall be properly prepared for their use.

In addition to which, there will be also set apart a site for **ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY**.

The whole of the lots comprise **almost** **four square miles**, varying from 1 to 18 acres each, and all the best soil in that district, and well adapted for the purposes of the town.

MORT AND CO. submit, therefore, confidently, that in point of situation, pleasantness of locality, public convenience, and proximity to the metropolis, the above-mentioned townships are the most desirable for the metropolis present greater attractions than the intended **TOWNSHIP OF ORANGE**.

They contrast themselves with adding, for the information of intending purchasers, the significant fact that this locality is one of the best in the city for growing fruit trees. The climate here is also an important prospective advantage which, in conclusion, de mands no further comment. The most complete cultivation of Sykes must here give a high value to every portion of suburban land capable of HORTICULTURE, and whenever the contemplation of such a profitable investment presents itself, the acquisition of Sykes estate plants can be completed the director in question will find it more than rewarded for its general ORCHARD AND GARDEN produce.

TERMS.

One-third cash, and the balance in six and 18 months' time from day of sale, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent each year until paid. If the purchaser desires to pay the whole sum prior to maturity, if cash is paid within a month of the day of sale no interest will be charged.

Further particulars on day of sale.

First-class City Properties.

Three Spacious Family Residences, Cumberland-place,
Extensive Store, George-street, near the Bridge

Saraam's Head Inn, Corner King and Sussex streets.
Two Shops in King-street.

MORTBY AND CO. have received instructions
to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, First
storey, No. 10, Colston, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst.,
the three undermentioned first-class city properties—

Those three splendid Family Residence situated in Cumberland-place, opposite to Campbell's Wharf, and adjoining Myrie's building; consisting of—
FIRST FLOOR—Parlour and Dining Room.
SECOND FLOOR—Two good Bedrooms.
BASEMENT—Two servants' Rooms, large Pantry and Kitchen, and a small Cellar.

These premises have a frontage of about 20 feet each to Cumberland-place, and extend more or less extending to the line of New George-street, upon the other side of the street opens.

There are substantially built of cast stone and brick, and beautifully finished inside. Near the extremity of New George-street, facing the river, there is a commodious and comfortable house of the STUNTED HARBOUR; while their elevated position precludes the possibility of their ever being built upon, and they are surrounded by extensive grounds, affording a fine situation they enjoy all the beauties of a suburban residence, and yet are so close to the centre of the principal business part of the city. They are certain to command a very high price, and may therefore be looked upon as a SURE INVESTMENT.

Lot No. 2.

All that PARCEL of LAND situate in GEORGE'S ROAD, or less situate in George-street, nearly opposite the Herald Office together with the houses, extensive shop, and offices lately on the site thereof, containing about 10 acres of ground, comprising—
TWO STOREY HOUSE, with a large hall, two parlours, dining-room, kitchen, and scullery, and a large room for stables, and windows—
THREE STORY HOUSE, forming a large corner, with four windows—
ONE STOREY HOUSE, with a large hall, two parlours, dining-room, kitchen, and scullery, and a large room for stables, and windows—
The houses are lighted from the roof by a large skylight.

At the rear of the house and adjoining it is an EXTENSIVE garden, with a well, and a large pond, and a large number of trees, and communicating with the house on every floor. The upper part of the garden is enclosed by a wall, and has a large gate leading to the road.

Along the side of the store on the ground floor is a passage leading from the house to the out-offices at the back.

THE BARNETT CO. LARGE CELLARAGE—This large cellarage, running the full extent of both house and store, with entrance from the street, is a most convenient and admirably constructed dry cell, the floor being but a few feet below the level of the street, and is well ventilated.

THE HOUSE—The Store consists of Kitchen and Two Servants' Rooms, Coach House and Two small Stables.

* * This property has a frontage of 30 feet to George-street, is 100 feet deep, more or less, extending to a public lane 30 feet wide which runs between the two buildings, and is substantially built—forms a most complete establishment—and is well adapted for a number of different business premises is second to none in the City.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

THAT EXTENSIVE AND COMMODIOUS HOTEL, situated at the corner of King and Sarsen's streets, and known as the **“SARSEN'S HEAD,”** is one of the best and most extensive in the City, and comprises—

ONE GROUND FLOOR—Large bar, two private entrances from Sarsen's-street, 2 parlours, 8 rooms and kitchen.

ON THE FIRST FLOOR—4 large parlours, one of which is now occupied by a number of guests, 10 assembly and ball rooms and 2 bed rooms.

ON THE SECOND FLOOR—7 bed rooms, and water-closets.

ON THE THIRD FLOOR—4 servants' bed rooms.

THE BARNETT includes large kitchen and cellar.

THE HOUSE is well and handsomely fitted up, with other out-offices—the whole well laid out with walls, with BACK ENTRANCE by a rear passage.

WATER LAID ON.

For these premises are substantially built of stone and brick, and fitted up with well and well throughout good order. They are of such extent, and so universally known for their beauty and convenience, that only need to invite A MINUTE INSPECTION OF THEM.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

TWO GOOD SHOPS IN KING-STREET, immediately adjoining the “Sarsen's Head,” with a frontage of 28 feet to King-street, and 100 feet deep, and containing—

ONE GROUND FLOOR—Shop and Back Parlour.

ON THE FIRST FLOOR—2 good Rooms.

ON THE SECOND FLOOR—2 good Rooms.

Detached Kitchen with yard at the rear.

WATER LAID ON.

* * These shops occupy good business position, in one of the principal thoroughfares of the City, and are situated in the MAIN STREETS OF THE CITY.

They are of such extent, and so universally known for their beauty and convenience, that only need to invite A MINUTE INSPECTION OF THEM.

Plans on view at the Rooms.

Terms at sale.

JAMES T. BARNETT has received instructions to sell by auction, on **TUESDAY**, the 8th instant at Tanden's, St. Mary's, South Street.

THE HOUSE is well and handsomely fitted up, with other out-offices—the whole well laid out with walls, with BACK ENTRANCE by a rear passage.

WATER LAID ON.

House Decanted.

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